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1. IN GENERAL WE FIND DRAFT RES TRANSMITTED REFTEL A
COMMENDABLE EFFORT ON PART OF AUSTRIANS. HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST SEVERAL CHANGES AS
INDICATED BELOW.

2. IN THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA, WE SUGGEST "A FOCAL POINT"
BE MODIFIED TO "AN IMPORTANT FOCAL POINT." THE LATTER
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LANGUAGE UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE UN, WHILE
MORE CLEARLY INDICATING THAT THE UN IS NOT NECESSARILY
THE SOLE FOCAL POINT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

3. IN FIFTH OPERATIVE PARA, WE SUGGEST "ENDORSES" BE SUB-
STITUTED FOR "TAKES NOTE OF." (THE US STRONGLY SUPPORTED
THIS RECOMMENDATION IN THE OSC.)

4. OUR MOST SERIOUS RESERVATIONS RELATE TO PARA 16.
ALTHOUGH IN THE PAST THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL, GENERAL
REFERENCES TO SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN
OUTER SPACE (AT THE 32ND GA, RES 32/196 REFERRED TO THE

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPUTNIK, AND AT THE 30TH GA, RES 3388
WELCOMED SOYUZ-APOLLO COOPERATION), WE PREFER TO MINIMIZE
SUCH REFERENCES. WE ARE PARTICULARLY RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT
THE SINGLING OUT OF ONLY CERTAIN COUNTRIES (I.E., THE
REFERENCE TO THE POLISH COSMONAUT BUT NOT TO THE EAST
GERMAN AND CZECH ONES) AND THE INCLUSION OF THE NAMES OF
SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT
MISSION SUGGEST A REWORDING OF THE PARA AS FOLLOWS:
"NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN OUTER
SPACE DURING THE PAST YEAR AND WELCOMES THE BROADENED
INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN SPACE ACTIVITIES." AS A
FALLBACK, MISSION MAY ACCEPT THE PARA AS IS WITH THE
DELETION OF SPECIFIC NAMES AND WITH THE ADDITION OF A
REFERENCE TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CZECHS AND EAST
GERMANS. FYI: WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE THIS ENTIRE
PARA DROPPED, BUT BELIEVE IT INADVISABLE TO TAKE THE
LEAD IN SUGGESTING SUCH DELETION. END FYI.

5. IN OPERATIVE PARAS 7 AND 8, WE BELIEVE THAT THE
APPROPRIATE PARA REFERENCES IN THE OSC REPORT ARE 48
AND 76 RESPECTIVELY.
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